

BEFORE THE
DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
FR-19-06

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to ss. 23.09(2)(intro.), 23.091, 23.11(1), 23.22(2)(b)1., 23.28(3), 27.01(2)(j) and 227.11(2)(a), Stats., interpreting ss. 23.09(2)(intro.), 23.091, 23.11(4), 23.17, 23.175, 23.22(2)(a), 23.28(3), 23.293, 27.01(2)(i) and (j) and 28.04(2), Stats., the Department of Natural Resources will hold a public hearing on the creation of s. NR 45.04(1)(g), Wis. Adm. Code, relating to the regulation of firewood entering and exiting Department lands. The rule prohibits a person from possessing firewood that originates from greater than 50 miles from the campground on that property where the wood would be used, or the property itself if there is no campground, or from outside the borders of the state of Wisconsin. Firewood from sources approved by the Wisconsin Department of Agriculture, Trade and Consumer Protection is allowable. Firewood includes all wood, processed or unprocessed, meant for use in a campfire. The purpose of this rule is to regulate firewood entering properties managed by the Department to reduce the risk of introduction and spread of emerald ash borer and other invasive insects and diseases of trees.

NOTICE IS HEREBY FURTHER GIVEN that pursuant to s. 227.114, Stats., the proposed rule may have an impact on small businesses. The initial regulatory flexibility analysis is as follows:

- a. Types of small businesses affected: Any small business that sells firewood for use on state lands
- b. Description of reporting and bookkeeping procedures required: Any recordkeeping procedures for small business will be established by the Department of Agriculture, Trade and Consumer Protection
- c. Description of professional skills required: None

The Department's Small Business Regulatory Coordinator may be contacted at SmallBusiness@dnr.state.wi.us or by calling (608) 266-1959.

NOTICE IS HEREBY FURTHER GIVEN that the hearing will be held on:

<u>July 5, 2006</u> Wednesday 7:00 p.m.	Video conference participation will be available at: Room MAC137, UW-Green Bay, 2420 Nicolet Drive, Green Bay Room 227, Pyle Center, 702 Langdon Street, Madison Room 220, UW-Wausau, 518 South 7 th Avenue, Wausau
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NOTICE IS HEREBY FURTHER GIVEN that pursuant to the Americans with Disabilities Act, reasonable accommodations, including the provision of information material in an alternative format, will be provided for qualified individuals with disabilities upon request. Please call Dr. Andrea Diss Torrance at (608) 264-9247 with specific information on your request at least 10 days before the date of the scheduled hearing.

The proposed rule and fiscal estimate may be reviewed and comments electronically submitted at the following Internet site: <http://adminrules.wisconsin.gov>. Written comments on the rule may be submitted via U.S. mail to Dr. Andrea Diss Torrance, Bureau of Forest Science, P.O. Box 7921, Madison, WI 53707. Comments may be submitted until July 10, 2006. Written comments whether submitted electronically or by U.S. mail will have the same weight and effect as oral statements presented at the public hearings. A personal copy of the proposed rule and fiscal estimate may be obtained from Dr. Diss Torrance.

Dated at Madison, Wisconsin _____

STATE OF WISCONSIN
DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES

By _____
Scott Hassett, Secretary